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PERKINS' FLOWER GARDENS

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PREPARATION AND CARE OF THE GARDEN

We all know that the success of our garden is due largely to the care and thoroughness of its first preparation. The soil should be dug as deep as possible without bringing up any of the subsoil. Plants will not grow well in subsoil until it has been aeriated and worked over for several years. Incorporate as much decaying organic matter as possible in the soil when digging the garden. Rotted leaves are good material for this purpose. If the soil is lacking in plant food commercial fertilizers may be used.

Do not work the ground when it is so wet that you can squeeze water out of it, or it stays in large lumps when dug. It should be just moist enough to hold together when squeezed in the hand.

Start raking the newly turned soil before it has had time to dry and form lumps. It is almost impossible to make a nice surface if dry lumps are allowed to form; they will not break up easily.

TRANSPLANTING

Essentials for Successful Transplanting.

1. Have soil moist.
2. Endeavor to have the roots spread out, that is, do not shake off all the soil and crowd the roots into a small hole.
3. The most important factor. *Be sure to press the soil firmly against the roots so that the plant cannot be easily pulled up.*
4. Keep the soil moist for several days after transplanting.
5. Plant a little deeper than the plant was in the ground before.

CULTIVATION AND CARE

Besides destroying the weeds, which take food, moisture and light from our flowers, cultivation permits air and moisture to enter the soil more freely. Shallow (one inch) cultivation is preferable to deep cultivation.

When necessary water should be applied in abundance, preferably in the evening during hot weather.

The length of the blooming period and the quality of the blooms are improved when all dead blossoms are removed and the plant is not allowed to produce seed.

Insect pests and diseases should be kept under control. For sucking insects as aphids we generally use a contact poison made of Nico-Fume and water if the plants are not in blossom. When in blossom we use Evergreen as Nico-Fume may spot them.

For chewing insects use an arsenical poison as Paris Green.

For diseases we generally use a mixture of water and Bordeaux Mixture. For mildew, *Dusting Sulphur* is good.

Be sure to try some of our new varieties in your garden this year.

You are invited to see our display of Tulips at flowering time. In fact you are always most welcome at Perkins' Gardens. At all times during the growing season there are interesting plants in bloom.



FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS

Beautiful flower arrangement is an art that all can develop. Every handful of flowers carries with it the possibility of a beautiful creation. Simplicity should be the predominating note in all flower arrangements. In fact it is the keynote of refinement. A good arrangement brings out the beauty of the flowers and at the same time is pleasing and restful to the eye.

Crowding of the flowers should be avoided. A few flowers well arranged permits each flower to express its own individuality, as to texture, color and form. The heavier and more substantial flowers should be placed at or near the base of the bouquet.

THE CONTAINER

The essential container should always occupy a secondary place. We are endeavoring to bring out the beauty of the flowers rather than that of the container, therefore a vase should never be selected that is more elaborate than the flowers it is to contain. We should also endeavor to have the texture of the vase and flowers harmonize. Careful selection of the container often determines whether or not we can use the flowers available. Huge, coarse flowers such as Zinnias and Dahlias do not look their best if placed in a vase expressing refinement, nor do fine, delicate flowers such as Roses and Lily-of-the-Valley look well in a vase of heavy texture. Likewise whenever possible the container and

the flowers should be selected with reference to the place they are to occupy, for example, the bouquet for the dinner table should, as a rule, be placed in a low bowl and not exceed fourteen inches in height.

NOTES ON COLOR

"Color covers all things about us, making them appear conspicuous and inconspicuous, sympathetic or repulsive, restful or irritating." Nature is the best guide for safe color combinations. Warm colors—red, orange, yellow, yellow-green, red-purple, and yellow-brown are best used as accents.

Cool colors—blue, blue-green, violet, green, purple-blue, brown, bluish-tan and gray are excellent background colors and should be used in greater quantity if combined with warm colors.

In an address on color harmony, Mr. Glenn Turner, an authority on floral design, has said that there are three classifications or rules in color harmonies that should be memorized: "The first deals with monochromatic effects, which is harmony of tints and shades of the same color. The next classification concerns analogous effects, the type of harmony resulting from blending of those colors next to one another in the (color) scale—yellow and yellow-green or yellow and yellow-orange. Three or four colors combine well together, so long as they are but a step from one another."

The third classification covers complimentary colors, "those exactly opposite one another on a color wheel," for example violet is the complimentary of yellow.—*From Florists' Review.*

Boquets consisting of a mixture of all colors will be kept in balance if warm colors are not used in excess. Keep the lighter tints high in the arrangement and the deeper tones at the base.

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You Need Annuals in Your Garden

Because: They give quicker results than Perennials and they enable you to have a large quantity of bloom throughout the season.

Because: They give you an abundance of cut flower material and enable you to have large displays of flowers at a low cost.

Because: They are ideal for filling in the open spaces left for the future development of your Perennials.

Because: They are ideal for the home renter (or temporary garden) who does not care to invest in the more expensive plants.

Because: They offer a great variety of color, form and foliage for your garden.

Because: They will make a gay or showy garden.

Because: They are ideal for the children's garden.

Miscellaneous Potted Plants for Bedding, Window and Porch Boxes

AGERATUM—Blue Cap — A new dwarf ageratum. Each 10 cents.

ACHYRANTHES — Red foliage plants. Very good in the rockery. Each 10 cents.

CANNAS — Bronze or green leaved. Each 20 cents.

FUCHIA—Purple and red flowers; white and red flowers. Each 20 cents; specimen plants 50 cents and 75 cents.

GERANIUMS — Reds, Pinks, Salmons, White, Appleblossom. Each 20 cents and 25 cents.

Rose Leaf (Scented Leaves)—Each 30 cents.

Silver Leaved—A foliage plant. Each 10 cents.

HELIOTROPE—Dark blue, sweet scented flowers. 2½ inch pots. Each 10 cents.

MESEMBRYANTHEMUM—Succulent plants with thick fleshy leaves growing most luxuriantly on dry barren rocky places and on dry sandy plains. Each 15 cents.

SANTOLINA—A gray leaved, scented plant, suitable for the rockery. Each 10 cents.

VINCA VINES—The popular green and white leaved vines used so extensively in window boxes. Each 20 cents.

PETUNIAS (In pots)—See general list of Bedding Plants.

HIEN AND CHICKENS (Annual)—Small plants. Each 10 cents. Specimen plants 20 to 35 cents each.



SOME NEW PERENNIALS TO TRY

Achillea tomentosum; *Aethionema persicum*; *Anchusa Barrelieri*; *Antennaria margueritae*; *Gaillardia* (Burgundy and Maxima yellow); *Hieracium aurantiacum*; *Jasmine perennis*.

Small plants: Each 5 cents.



PERKINS' CHOICE ANNUALS FOR BEDDING

AGERATUM (Floss Flower) 4 varieties

Very effective annuals for edging, bedding and cut flowers. Flowers blue.

Little Blue Star—3-4 inches. An excellent plant for edging or bedding. Flower buds have a tinge of red before opening. Dozen 20 cents; 100 for \$1.50.

BLUE CAP—New—Better than *Little Blue Star*. Flowers larger and deeper blue. Plant more compact. Dozen 25 cents.

Copes Pet—6-8 inches tall. A good bedding variety. Also suitable for cutting. Dozen 20 cents; 100 for \$1.50.

Mexicanum Coeruleum—A tall variety, 18 inches. Suitable for cutting. Dozen 25 cents.

ALYSSUM (Carpet of Snow)

Little Gem—Probably the best alyssum for edging and carpeting. The plants are completely covered with white flowers. Dozen 20 cents; 100 for \$1.50.

Lilac Queen—9 inches, lilac flowers. Dozen 20 cents.

ANTIRRHINUM (14 Varieties)

Beautiful Snapdragons.

One of the most attractive annuals for bedding and cutting.

INTERMEDIATE VARIETIES—15-20 inches.

Sutton's Rich Apricot—Pink flowers with yellow and orange lips.

Sutton's Bright Pink—A pure rose pink.

Sutton's Cream—Tinted pink. A charming color, which tones well with pink, reds, and yellows.

Sutton's Delicate Pink—A lovely shade of creamy pink.

Sutton's Lady Bird—Creamy white with coral markings.

Majestic Sunset—Bright terra cotta above, shading into a rosy salmon.

Majestic Twilight—Delicate apricot and salmon shading.

Majestic Rose Marie—Light salmon, gold center.

Majestic Eldorado—Rich deep golden yellow.

ANY OF THE ABOVE VARIETIES, 12 FOR 25 CENTS; 100 FOR \$1.75.

Golden Queen—A yellow variety.

Purity—Snow white.

EITHER OF ABOVE TWO VARIETIES, 25 CENTS DOZEN; 100 FOR \$1.65.

Mixed Colors—A splendid mixture containing many choice colors. Dozen 20 cents; 100 for \$1.50.

TALL VARIETIES:

Sutton's Bright Pink—Rose pink.

Sutton's Golden Chamom—A beautiful variety, the color being a rare combination of soft pink and yellow.

EITHER VARIETY, 25 CENTS DOZEN; 100 FOR \$1.75.

ARTOCTIS

Brevicapa Aurantiaca—About 8 inches high. An orange colored, daisylike flower. Center purplish, under side of petals tinted brown. Dozen 25 cents.

ASTERS

American Branching—A general purpose type of aster. Mixed colors only. 12 for 20 cents.

CALENDULA (Pot Marigold)

Orange King—Orange.

Sulphur Queen—Lemon.

TWO SELECTED STRAINS FOR OUTDOOR PLANTING. 20 CENTS DOZEN; 100 FOR \$1.50.

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CENTAUREA (Bachelor Button)

Double Blue—Double Bachelor Buttons in a beautiful shade of dark blue. Dozen 20 cents; 100 for \$1.50.

CINERARIA (Dusty Miller)

A gray leaved plant suitable for edging or for the rock garden. Dozen 25 cents.

COSMOS

Early Flowering Harbinger—Soft shades of pink, peach, appleblossom, lavender, etc. Giant flowering type.

Plant Cosmos on rather poor soil to induce early flowering.

DOZEN 20 CENTS; 100 FOR \$1.50.

DIMORPHOTHECA (Orange Daisy)

Aurantiaca—Slender stems with narrow leaves and bright orange colored flowers. Prefers a warm sunny situation. Dozen 25 cents.

LARKSPUR

Double Stock flowered in four separate colors. Excellent for cutting.

Newport Pink La France (Salmon Pink)
Lilac Dark Blue

DOZEN 25 CENTS; 100 FOR \$1.75.

LOBELIA

An excellent plant for edging and carpeting. Will grow in partial shade.

Crystal Palace—Dark blue flowers, foliage has a reddish tinge. Compact type.

Basket Lobelia A creeping form of lobelia with dark blue flowers. Suitable for the rockery or hanging baskets.

Above varieties Dozen 20 cents; 100 for \$1.50.

Sutton's Cambridge Blue—Light blue, large flowers, compact type. Dozen 25 cents; 100 for \$1.75.

Sutton's White—Dozen 25 cents.

COLORFUL MARIGOLDS

Marigolds have an important place in the well planned garden, giving a wealth of color when most needed.

TALL AFRICAN—2 new choice strains:

All Double Lemon
All Double Orange

Dozen 20 cents; 100 for \$1.50.

GUINEA GOLD—A new semi-double type with long loose petals. A brilliant shade of orange flushed with gold. 2 1/2 feet. Dozen 25 cents.

DWARF SORTS:

Dwarf French Double—Mixed varieties.

Dozen 20 cents; 100 for \$1.50.

FRAGRANT NICOTIANA (Flowering Tobacco)

Very good for mass effects. The white variety is excellent for a white or Night Garden.

Affinis—Flowers white, sweet scented.

Sanderl—Flowers red.

Dozen 20 cents; 100 for \$1.50.

SELECT PANSIES

Steel's Masterpiece—One of Steel's choice strains of Mastadon Pansies in an intensive range of color. Dozen 35 cents; 100 for \$2.25.

PETUNIA (16 Varieties)

No garden complete without them. Petunias are one of the easiest grown and most satisfactory flowering plants for making displays and mass effect, in both the small and large garden.



BEDDING VARIETIES:

Blue Bird—Deep violet.

Heavenly Blue—Silvery light blue (varies).

Rosy Morn (Selected stock)—Pink with white throat.

Snowball—White (varies somewhat).

Mixed Varieties—All colors.

Any of above, Dozen 20 cents; 100 for \$1.50.

Cockatoo (new)—Small round blossoms, violet purple with irregular sized white spots and stars. Dozen 25 cents; 100 for \$1.75.

California Giants—Mixed colors; flat grown. Dozen 25 cents.

BALCONY VARIETIES:

Blue, Rose, White—Especially suitable for window boxes. Dozen 20 cents; 100 for \$1.50.

GIANT FLOWERING VARIETIES (All potted):

Especially suitable for window boxes.

Royal Fringed Purple—Very choice.

Theodora—Fringed rosy pink with golden center.

Lady of the Lake—Single white.

Dwarf California Giants—Many choice colors.

Dwarf Pink Glory—Flame rose pink.

Each 10 cents; Dozen \$1.10.



SCABIOSA (Mourning Bride)

Sometimes called Pincushion Flower. Flower stems long, and the flowers keep well when cut.

Azure Fairy—Lavender blue. *Cherry Red*.

Black Prince. *Rose*. *Shasta*—Pure white.

Dozen 25 cents.

Mixed Varieties—Dozen 20 cents; 100 for \$1.50.

STOCKS

Grant Perfection—(Cut and Come Again)—Stocks resist excessive heat and dryness.

Sapphire—Dark blue.

Empress Aug. Victoria—Silvery lilac.

Rose.

Heather Beauty—Rose shaded terra cotta.

LARGE FLOWERING, TEN WEEKS, MIXED COLORS.

Any variety: Dozen 20 cents

VERBENA

Verbenas are suitable for bedding and cutting.

Sutton's Pink Shades. *Grant Yellow*.

Grant White. *Choice Varieties*. Mixed
12 for 20 cents; 100 for \$1.50.

Fireball—The new dwarf verbenas, suitable for edging or for the rock garden. 6 for 15 cents; 12 for 25 cents.

Lavender Glory—The new lavender, sweet scented verbenas. Creamy white eye. Said to come about 80 percent true to color. Dozen 35 cents.

Dorothy Thompson — One of our specialties. See bottom of this page.

COLORFUL ZINNIAS

(17 Varieties)

CALIFORNIA GIANTS (In separate colors):

Brightness, — Bright deep rose pink.

Cerise Queen—Cerise rose, a new color in Zinnias.

Euchantress—Choice pink.

Golden Queen—Golden yellow.

Lavender Gem—Deep lavender.

Miss Willmott—Soft pink.

Orange King—Orange scarlet.

Purity—White.

Scarlet Queen—Scarlet.

Salmon Queen—Salmon rose.

Dozen 25 cents; 100 for \$1.75.

DOUBLE VARIETIES:

Double Rosy Morn—Small flowered.

Double White—Large flowered.

Each 15 cents.

PENTSTEMON SENSATION

A tender perennial now being grown as an annual and becoming quite popular. Pink gloxinia-like flowers. Dozen 20 cents.

PHLOX DRUMMONDI

An easy annual to grow and producing many showy flowers. Satisfactory for massing. The first two varieties listed have elicited much favorable comment.

Isabellina—Soft yellow.

Chamois Rose—Pink with a slightly yellow tinge.

Coccenco—Scarlet.

Dozen 20 cents.

SALPIGLOSSIS (Painted Tongue)

The blossoms are shaped similar to Petunias. They are rich in deep color tones, set off by veins of gold. Plant in full sun in fairly rich soil and do not crowd. Mixed colors only. Dozen 20 cents.

SALVIA (Three Choice Varieties)

Bonfire—An excellent strain of the fall blooming Salvia. Dozen 25 cents.

Harbinger—Dwarf plants with strong dark foliage which is very effective against the vivid hue of the flowers. Blooms all summer. Dozen 30 cents.

Zurich—Early flowering, dwarf. Dozen 30 cents.

DAHLIA FLOWERED:

Exquisite—Light rose with deeper colored center. Dozen 25 cents.

PUMILA TYPES:

Picotee Delight—Salmon rose.

Fireball—A beautiful red.

Dozen 25 cents.

LILLIPUT:

Golden Gem.

White Gem.

Salmon Rose—Select stock.

Dozen 25 cents; 100 for \$1.75.

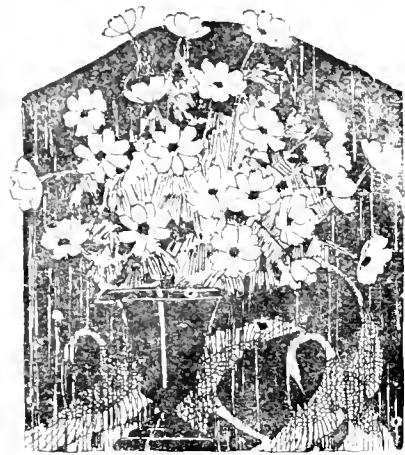
DOUBLE GIANT FLOWERED:

Mixed colors only. A selected strain. Dozen 20 cents, 100 for \$1.50.

A Superior Verbena Dorothy Thompson

Good foliage; flowers light lavender. A profuse bloomer; exceeding all other varieties in our gardens last year. Will withstand drought well. Fine for the Rock Garden. Good for cutting. Grown from cuttings. Each 5 cents; 100 for \$4.50. Potted plants, each 15 cents.

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9 Dozen Annuals \$1.75

- 12 Snapdragons, mixed.
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- 12 Petunia, Bedding, mixed colors.
- 12 Bachelor Buttons, Blue.
- 12 Choice Cosmos.
- 12 Giant Zinnia, mixed colors.
- 12 Calendula.
- 24 Scabiosa.

Some-
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ANNUAL CANTERBURY BELLS —

The plant grows from 2 to 2½ feet high, each plant having from six to eight spikes of bloom. 6 for 20 cents.

ANNUAL CHRYSANTHEMUM —

Sutton's Morning Star—6 for 20 cents.

JACBEA —

Small asterlike flowers, suitable for cutting. 6 for 20 cents.

MARIGOLD (*Guinea Gold*) —

A new Marigold of an orange scarlet color. 6 for 15 cents.

It Is Easy to Get to Perkins' Nursery

It is very easy to get to Perkins' Nursery. It is located on the St. Paul-Stillwater Road, which is part of Minnesota State Highway 45, about a mile from St. Paul city limits.

To drive to the nursery by auto from St. Paul's business district take East Seventh Street to East Minnehaha Street. Follow Highway 45.

From St. Anthony Park, take Larpenleur Avenue and Wheelock Parkway to Arcade Street, south on Arcade to Maryland, east on Maryland to White Bear Avenue, south on White Bear Avenue to Kerwin Street, east to nursery.

The hourly bus service from St. Paul to Stillwater passes our nursery. Fare from St. Paul 15 cents.

From Wisconsin points, cross the St. Croix River at Hudson or Stillwater. If crossed at Hudson go to Stillwater and from there follow Highway 45 to our nursery.

You are invited to see our display of Tulips at flowering time.

NEW HELIOTROPE

Royal Fragrance

A somewhat dwarf plant bearing huge dark blue blossoms, with white eyes. Sweet scented. Fine for that shady spot. Large plants, each 35 cents. Small plants, each 15 cents.

OUR POLICY: The Golden Rule

RENDER AN HONORABLE, JUST AND PLEASING SERVICE.

OUR GUARANTEE

While we agree to correct any mistakes made by us in filling your orders, and expect all our plants to give satisfaction if handled properly; due to many causes beyond our control we cannot guarantee the hardiness or growth of any plant sold by us, and cannot be held responsible for a sum greater than the original purchase price.

OUR NURSERY IS STATE INSPECTED

For your protection our nursery is inspected each year by the State Nursery Inspection Department. All plants suspected of having dangerous insects or diseases must be destroyed before a certificate is granted to us. Certificate Minn. 3178.

TERMS OF SALE

Cash with orders from unknown parties or satisfactory reference. When orders amount to \$2.00 or more we pay postage charges if order is made up at price of dozen plants. We do not pay postage at hundred prices.

QUALITY OF OUR ANNUALS

Due to hereditary factors the quality of the seed is of prime importance in obtaining good plants. We endeavor to purchase only high grade seed, price being a minor consideration.

All plants are transplanted, 105 plants being put in a flat 12 inches wide and 22 inches long. We endeavor to have all plants sturdy, well developed and with a good root system.

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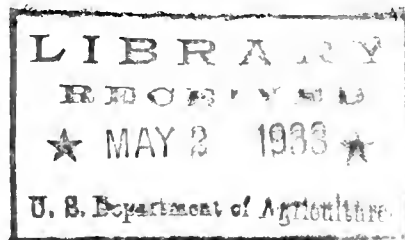
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